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SUBJECT; ECLA MTN RESOLUTION

REF: QUITO' S 1590

1. WE ARE CERTAIN YOU APPRECIATE THAT WHAT CONCERNS US
WITH THE RESOLUTION IS NOT ONLY THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE
IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS, BUT ALSO THE THRUST OF THE
WHOLE RESOLUTION; NAMELY, ITS TENDENCY TO UPGRADE THE
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF ECLA IN THIS AREA, AS WELL AS TO
ENCOURAGE EFFORTS ON ECLA' S PART WHICH ALMOST CERTAINLY
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WILL BE DUPLICATIVE. WE FELT THAT THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN OUR ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED YESTERDAY WOULD HAVE SET FORTH A POSITIVE U. S. POSITION AND WOULD HAVE PROVIDED A REASONABLE RESOLUTION ON WHICH ALL ECLA MEMBERS COULD UNITE. WITH THAT THOUGHT WE HAVE, NEVERTHELESS, REEXAMINED THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION WITH YOUR COMMENTS IN MIND. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS APPLY TO PARAGRAPHS OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT CONTAINED IN QUITO' S 1514.

2. PERAMBULA PARAS. 1 AND 2: WE CAN ACCEPT THE RETURN TO SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS IF PARA. 1 BEGINS " BEARING IN MIND THAT A NUMBER OF CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE GATT, ACCOUNTING FOR A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WORLD TRADE, HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO INITIATE AND ACTIVELY SUPPORT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF

GATT THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE WAR, WHICH ARE TO COVER TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND TO TAKE PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF THE NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...".

3. PERAMBULA PARA. 3: WE AGREE TO INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL TEXT ON CONDITION THAT THE U. S. POSITION ON RESOLUTIONS 3040 AND 3041 ARE SHOWN AS FOOTNOTE OR SOMEHOW ON SAME PAGE. A STATEMENT ALONE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT.

4. PERAMBULA PARA. 5: WE UNDERSTAND OUR CHANGES ARE ACCEPTED.

5. PERAMBULA PARA. 7: ACCEPTED.

6. OPERATIVE PARA. 1: WE BELIEVE SOME INDICATION OF TIGHT BUDGETARY RESTRAINT IS ESSENTIAL. THEREFORE WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"1. REQUESTS THE ECLA SECRETARIAT, WITHIN ITS CURRENT BUDGETARY CEILING, TO ASSIST THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AT THEIR REQUEST, IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND, TO THAT END, TO ACCELERATE...".

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U. S. DEL SHOULD MAKE STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD THAT

PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO GOVERNMENTS AND THE EC COMMISSION. WE TAKE NOTE THAT ECLA' S ROLE IN THIS WILL ENTAIL INTER ALIA THE PREPARATION OF SEVERAL STUDIES, AND THE TRAINING AND PREPARATION OF LATIN AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS BY MEANS OF MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AND HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

7. ACTION PARA. 2: FOR REASONS EXPLAINED ABOVE, THE REFERENCE TO NON- DUPLICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. BUT WE FEEL THAT AN ECLA STUDY OF A PARTICULAR PROBLEM CLEARLY FROM A REGIONAL POINT OF VIEW WOULD NOT BE NECESSARILY DUPLICATIVE OF GATT WORK ON THE SAME PROBLEM. THEREFORE, WE PREFER TO MAINTAIN THE PHRASEOLOGY SUGGESTED BY US.

8. OPERATIVE PARA. 3: WE PREFER LANGUAGE PROPOSED IN DEPTTEL 56984, BUT IF THAT UNACCEPTABLE WE CAN ACCEPT THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE OF SUBPARAGRAPHS I, II, III, IV AND V, BUT ONLY IF LEAD- IN LANGUAGE IS REWORDED TO SEPARATE THOSE POSITIONS EVEN MORE CLEARLY FROM THE

U. S. ON THIS BASIS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR LEAD- IN SENTENCE TO BEGIN " TAKES NOTE OF THE STATEMENTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO...".

9. OPERATIVE PARA. 5: WE CONTINUE TO HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH USING THE RESOLUTION AS PROGRAMMING EXERCISE FOR UNDP ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT PREJUDGING ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR (A) AND (B), AND WE SEE NO NEED TO SUPERSEDE IN THIS RESOLUTION THE REGULAR UNDP PROCESSEES. WE WOULD HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU COULD ARGUE SUCCESSFULLY TO DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PERAMBULA PARAGRAPH 7 IS RETAINED.

10. IF SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE IS NOT ACCEPTED, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION. RE LAST SENTENCE OF QUITO 1590, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE DO NOT BELIEVE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION (EVEN WITH U. S. STATEMENT) IF IT CONTAINS POINTS UNACCEPTABLE TO US. ROGERS

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